

TESL CANADA BOARD – COMMITTEES

Terms of Reference

Start Date: July 2025

Finish Date: July 2026

Committee Name: **Standards Committee**

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Membership:

- Members of the Standards Committee will be appointed for a one-year term with the option to renew, from the TESL Canada Board and TESL Canada membership.
- Non-Board members can sit on the Standards Committee for up to three years, with an option to renew
- Experience with professional standards at the provincial or national level will be considered an asset in determining membership eligibility.
- The committee will consist of 3-10 voting members including up to 3 non-board members recommended by board members. Non-board members will submit an up-to-date CV and a statement how their expertise could potentially serve the committee.

- Every effort will be made to ensure fair representation of Canada's provinces and territories.

Mandate:

To ensure that the national standards for professional certification and teacher training program recognition are up-to-date and adhered to.

Goals and/or Objectives

- To advise TESL Canada on new developments with regards to standards for language instructors and training programs
- To facilitate communication and collaboration with provincial and territorial accreditation bodies, professional associations, and teacher training programs on developing, aligning, and maintaining said standards
- To advise TESL Canada in conflict resolution and appeals from members and prospective members
- To assist with the adjudication process for prospective members and training programs
- To ensure that TESL Canada professional standards are aligned with current trends in the sector

Communication

Meetings will be conducted via a web-conferencing platform or email on an ad-hoc basis to complete the above tasks.